(ii) reducing exposure of roof bolting crew to hazard of roof fall

(d) Introduction of resin grouted roof bolts in water seams.

(e) Training of support personnel and Supervisors.

(f) Reducing exposure of workman by increasing mechanization through SDLs/LHDs, PSLW and continuous miners.

(7) Measures for reduction of accidents in open cast mines were pursued through

(a) Implementation of various Codes of practices, Traffic Rules, Checking of contractor's vehicles/equipment by company engineers.

(b) Training of Heavy Earth Moving Machinery operators and contractor workers.

(c) Enhancement of safety awareness through publicity and propaganda, safety drives, safety weeks etc.

8. Thrust on training and retraining of workmen, supervisors to increase safety awareness of the workmen. CIL is preparing training films on CD for imparting standardized training in all its training centers.

**Assistance to illegal miners of coal**

†1809. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Jharkhand has submitted any scheme to the Central Government for providing assistance to the persons involved in illegal mining of coal in the State so that they could earn their livelihood legally;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the view- point of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) to (c) Govt. of Jharkhand has instituted a study through Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad and Xavier Labour Research Institute, Jamshedpur to examine, *inter-alia*, the supply-side interlinkages between illegal coal mining and socio-economic conditions/demographic

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

profiles of the main actors involved in this activity, understand the demand-side dynamics of illegally mined coal in different sectors, explore and suggest mitigation strategies rooted in social acceptability economic viability, environmental sustainability and practical implementability, extant, spread and severity of the problem etc.

Jharkhand Govt. has requested CIL to bear the expenditure CIL has agreed in principle to provide the financial support for the study.

**New telephone exchanges**

1810. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up new telephone exchanges in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to open new telephone exchanges in Himachal Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir, New telephone exchanges are opened on need basis.

(b) Details of new telephone exchanges proposed for setting up during 2006-07 by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) are given in the Statement (*See* below)

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) BSNL has plan to open two landline exchanges at Bhatolikalan and Malkumajra in Baddi area of Solan Secondary Switching Area (SSA).